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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 129.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, relating to Hawkers and Peddlers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "brooms" the words 'pianos, organs, wagons, sleighs,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1, chapter 298, public laws 1889, as amended by laws 1899, further amended.

'Section 1. No person shall go about from town to town, or from place to place in the same town exposing for sale or selling any goods or chattels other than fruit grown in the United States, fruit trees, provisions, live animals, brooms, pianos, organs, wagons, sleighs, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, agricultural products of the United States, the products of his own labor or the labor of his family, no patent of his own invention or in which he has become interested by being a member of any firm or stockholder in any corporation which has purchased the patent until he shall have procured a license so to do as hereinafter provided.'

Peddling without license, forbidden.

—articles excepted.

Section 2. Section four of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words, 'but any resident of a town having a place of business therein, owning and paying taxes to the amount of twenty-five dollars on his stock in trade can peddle said goods in his own town without paying to the secretary of state for the use of the state the license herein provided,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 4, amended.

'Section 4. Every person licensed under the two preceding sections shall pay to the treasurer of each city or town mentioned in his license the sums following; for every town containing not more than one thousand inhabitants, according to the United States census next preceding the date of his license, three dollars; and for towns containing more than one thousand, and less than two thousand inhabitants, six dollars; and for every thousand inhabitants in excess of two thousand, two dollars. Provided, that the sum so to be paid to any such treasurer shall in no case exceed twenty dollars, but any resident of a town having an established place of business therein owning and paying

Fees paid to cities and towns.

—tax paying trader may peddle without license.

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taxes to the amount of twenty-five dollars on his stock in trade can peddle said goods in his own town without paying any license fee whatever.'

Approved March 17, 1899.

Chapter 130.

An Act to amend Section seventeen of Chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section two of Chapter two hundred and eighty-eight, of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to Tramps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Section 17, chapter 128, R. S., as amended by section 2, chapter 288, laws 1889, further amended.

Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the revised statutes, as amended by section two of chapter two hundred and eighty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby further amended so that said section seventeen, as further amended, shall read as follows :

Begging, etc., evidence of being a tramp.

'Section 17. Whoever goes about from town to town, or from place to place in any town, asking for food or shelter or begging or subsisting upon charity, shall be deemed a tramp, and be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than sixty days nor more than ten months, at hard labor for ten hours each day, Sundays excepted. And should any person so sentenced refuse to labor in accordance with the provisions of this section, he shall be provided with no food except bread and water, until he shall consent to labor in conformity with the requirements of this section. Trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts, shall have jurisdiction of all offenses arising under this section.'

—penalty.

—refusing to labor, how punished.

Approved March 17, 1899.

Chapter 131.

An Act to repeal Section five of Chapter three hundred and six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to Taxes on Wild Lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Section 5, chapter 306, public laws 1897, repealed.

Section 1. Section five of chapter three hundred and six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby repealed.

Section 82, made applicable to plantations.

Section 2. Section eighty-two of chapter six of revised statutes shall apply to such plantations as are mentioned in chapter three hundred and six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Approved March 17, 1899.